## United States District Court District of Massachusetts

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

v.

Civil Action No. 20-11548-NMG

Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., and Teva Neuroscience, Inc.,

Defendants.

## ORDER

Pending before the Court is the motion of Teva

Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. and Teva Neuroscience, Inc.

(collectively "Teva" or "defendant") to certify for

interlocutory appeal the order of this Court entered July 14,

2023 (Docket No. 195) denying Teva's motion for summary judgment

and allowing the motion of the United States ("the government"

or "plaintiff") for partial summary judgment.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1292(b), a district court may certify an interlocutory order for appeal only if it is satisfied that such an order

[1] involves a controlling question of law [2] as to which there is substantial ground for difference of opinion and [3] that an immediate appeal from the

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order may materially advance the ultimate termination of the litigation . . .  $\cdot$ 

28 U.S.C. § 1292(b). Teva contends that the causation standard

when a plaintiff seeks to prove falsity by relying on the 2010

Amendment to the Anti-Kickback Statute is "a controlling

question of law as to which there is substantial ground for

difference of opinion," and an immediate appeal may "materially

advance the ultimate termination of th[is] litigation." See id.

The Court agrees that certification is warranted.

Accordingly, defendant Teva's motion to certify the Court's

July 14, 2023 order for interlocutory appeal to the United

States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and stay trial

pending resolution of that interlocutory appeal (Docket No. 196)

is ALLOWED.

So ordered.

Nathaniel M. Gofton

United States District Judge

Dated: August 14, 2023

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